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TWO

LETTERS

FROM

Colonell MORGAN

Governour of *Glouceſter*, to ſeverall Members of the honourable Houſe of COMMONS.

Relating the Summons, Anſwer, and the manner of taking the Town and Caſtle of

MONMOUTH:

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And therein

7. *Pieces of Ordnance.*	10. *Barrels of Powder, with Bullet and Match proportionable.*
4. *Sling-pieces.*	24. *Barrels of Peter & Brimſtone.*
300. *Muskets.*	*All other Ammunition & proviſion*
100. *Pikes,*	

Likewiſe two Letters from an Officer in Monmouth, concerning the free comming in of the Country to block up Hereford, and the driving M. Gen. *Waſhington* with 1500 horſe and foot out of Glamorganſhire.

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Col. Morgan Governour of Glouceſter, his firſt Letter to a worthy Member of the honourable Houſe of Commons.

SIR,

SInce my laſt, informing you of Waſhingtons *being in this County with his commanded men from ſeverall garriſons of the enemy, it hath pleaſed God to bleſſe my proceedings hitherto, in giving me a good entrance yeſterday into this Town with ſmall oppoſition, the enemy having betaken themſelves to the Caſtle. This morning I ſummoned the Governour to ſurrender to me for the Parliaments uſe the Caſtle, with all the Armes and Ammunition therein, which he refuſed, ſaying, that we was commanded by the King to keepe it for his Majeſties uſe. My Miners goe to worke this day, and I doubt not (God willing) but to give a good account thereof in a ſhort time, as well as of the Towne if it pleaſe God that I may keep out reliefe. The Countrey riſeth very freely ſince my taking in Chepſtow. Sir* Trevor Williams *is neere with above one thouſand Clubmen, they all declare themſelves abſolutely for the Parliament. If God bleſſe my proceedings in this deſigne, Wales will be in a good condition. Sir, I reſt,*

Your affectionate ſervant,

Monmouth, Octob. 23. 1635.

THOMAS MORGAN,

A Letter from Col. Morgan Governour of Glouceſter, to ſeverall Members of the honourable Houſe of Commons.

Gentlemen.

MY deſire is to acquaint you with our proceedings in this County ſince the reducing of Chepſtow; and how we have cauſed Major Gen. *Waſhington*, who had 1500 horſe and foot, beſides a great faction in the County, to quit it, and refuſed to fight with us. My forces conſiſting of 1500 horſe and foot, and the Monmouthſhire Clubmen under Sir *Trevor Williams*, being 1500 foot and 200 horſe. Both theſe being joyned wee concluded to attempt Monmouth, in which deſigne it pleaſed God to proſper us; upon the firſt attempt we got the Towne, the enemy betaking

taking themselves to (their last refuge) the Castle, which being three daies besieged, discovered our Mines, which were almost ready to spring, and then they beat a parley, which we entertained, concluding the delivery of the Castle, with all the Armes, Artillery, Ammunition, and provisions therein (save onely the Officers to march away with their Horses and Armes) immediately unto us, for the Parliaments use, which was instantly acted, sending with them a convoy towards Hereford.

We tooke in the Castle seven pieces of Ordnance, foure sling pieces, 300 Muskets, 100 Pikes, ten barrels of Powder, with Bullet and Match proportionable, 24 barrels of Peter and Brimstone, and a reasonable quantity of all sorts of provision. By these successes all Southwales is brought into a good condition, and declare themselves for the Parliament. So I rest,

Gentlemen,

Monmouth, *Octob.* 24. 1645. Your servant,

THOMAS MORGAN.

Two Letters from an Officer in Monmouth, to a Gentleman in London.

Worthy Sir,

SIr Trevor Williams *met us upon Munday and Tuesday last between Chepstow and Monmouth at our Rendezvouz, with* 2000 *Monmouthshire men well armed. Whereupon our Governour Col.* Morgan (*who notwithstanding his sickneſſe ſhewed in all theſe enterprizes much activity and valour*) *advanced yeſterday within view of Monmouth, and upon drawing out into parties to ſtorme the Towne, Sir* Trevor *and his men with unexpected reſolution joyned with us, which the Townſmen of Monmouth perceiving laid down their Armes, whereupon Sir* H. Lunsford (*not Sir* Thomas Lunsford) *the Governour betooke himſelfe to the Caſtle, and we poſſeſt the Town. Our Forreſters are mining heartily already, and I doubt not but I ſhall certifie you of the taking it ſhortly. However it is impoſſible for*

for them to be relieved (for they have left us the Town extreamly well fortified.) The Herefordshire men have sent to Col. Kerle *(who is now here with us) to joyn with them, and that they will all rise in Armes against* Hereford *and blocke them up; so soon as this castle is taken Col.* Kerle *will assist them in the service. This Colonell was one that was formerly for the King, but for a yeere did expresse his affection and reall intention for the Parliament, and upon his comming in brought a Troop of horse, and obtained the delivery of the castle to the Parliaments forces, which might have continued theirs, had it been as carefully kept, as he faithfull in performance. Sir, my present extraordinary imployment here enforces me to breake off abruptly, but rest,*

Your humble servant,

Monmouth, K. R.
Octob. 23. 1645.

SIR,

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SInce the writing of the inclosed we have taken the Castle, with above 400 Armes, and good store of provisions. Sir *Trevor Williams* is left Governour, and deserves to have it established by the Parliament, having engaged all the Countrey for the Parliament; Col *Kerle* did very good service in the reducing both of this Castle and Chepstow, and before relieved Garnon Froom. He now intends to place a Garrison between Hereford and Gotheridge, and then those Garrisons will be so impoverished, that they will not be able to keepe so many souldiers, as to spare any into the field to annoy these parts. The Countrey on both sides Hereford have promised to joyn with him in distressing thereof; Col. *Liggins* who was here with some forces had the honour given him by Col. *Morgan* to command the horse, and expressed much courage; and the resolution of our brave governour of Glouceſter was not inferiour to any. Sir, at present I have no more to acquaint you with, but rest,

Your affectionate servant,

Monmouth, Octo. 24. 1645. K. R.

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